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SUBJECT: REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: KUWAIT RTA-2:

STAFF MEMBERS FOR KUWAIT NHA

REF: STATE 34999

1. DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH DAKHEEL FEBRUARY 16, AND HE APPROVED TEXT OF DRAFT LETTER WITH ATTACHMENTS. HE REQUESTS THAT FORMAL LETTER BE SENT FOR APPROPRIATE GOK ACCEPTANCE.

2. IN REVIEWING REFTEL DAKHEEL ASKED WHY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF TOTAL COSTS WERE REQUIRED AS INITIAL PAYMENT, AND HE TOLD IT MOST LIKELY DUE TO RELATIVELY GREATER INITIAL COSTS INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPMENT OF EFFECTS COST. DAKHEEL ALSO WONDERED WHETHER MONTHLY PAYMENTS WERE ESSENTIAL, AND WE REPLIED THAT REGULAR MONTHLY COSTS WERE LIKELY TO BE EASIER TO ADMINISTER. IN ANY CASE AGREEMENT WAS FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ALLOW CHANGES LATER IF NECESSARY.

3. DAKHEEL ALSO HESITATED OVER LANGUAGE IN NUMBERED PARA 1 OF KIMM LETTER. HE OBSERVED THAT AS WRITTEN NHA-AID AGREEMENT WAS FOR PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWO YEARS BUT CRITICAL CONSIDERATION FOR DAKHEEL IS THAT TECHNICIANS ARRIVE HERE ASAP AND REMAIN FOR TWO YEARS. HE WOULD HAVE LIKED PARA TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE SERVICES WHICH THE NHA HAS REQUESTED ARE DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT A TO THIS AGREEMENT. A.I.D. SHALL USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO RECRUIT

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THE TECHNICIANS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH I-A OF ATTACHMENT A ASO

SOON AS POSSIBLE IN RECOGNITION OF NHA'S URGENT REQUIREMENTS. THE TWO TECHNICIANS WILL BE PROVIDED TO FILL NHA POSITIONS AND TRAIN KUWAITI COUNTERPARTS FOR TWO YEARS. UNQUOTE. IN THE END, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT RPT NOT ASK TO HAVE LANGUAGE CHANGED.

4. COMMENT: DAKHEEL REMAINS CONCERNED THAT OTHERS SUCH AS LEGAL OR AUDIT BUREAUS MAY EXPRESS CONCERN OVER WHAT THEY MAY FEEL ARE LOOPHOLES. WE NOTE THAT LANGUAGE DESIRED BY DAKHEEL CLOSELY PARALLELS THAT OF PARA 1 (SUMMARY) OF REFTEL, AND AID/SER/H MAY WISH TO REVISE TEXT OF KIMM LETTER TO INCLUDE SUCH LANGUAGE EVEN THOUGH DAKHEEL AGREED TO ACCEPT TEXT AS GIVEN IN REFTEL.
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